



Autumn Newsletter - 7th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to another successful year at Oldswinford.

It has been so lovely to welcome everyone back. The children are so happy and excited to see their friends and continue their learning. This year we welcome Miss Harris (Year 1 teacher), Mrs Wicks (Year 5 teacher), Mrs Hockell (Koala Class TA) and Miss Pearce (Year 4 TA) as new members of staff.

We have loved meeting all of our new families and look forward to getting to know them better over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school. I look forward to another happy and successful year. Please pop and see me on the gate if you have any questions or comments!

I look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Warm wishes,

Ellie Game

A few reminders...

UNIFORM:

Thank you so much for all your support with our school uniform. The children look really smart. Please remember children must wear plain black shoes, plain black socks, plain black bottoms and red tops. Staff will be contacting parents if there is anything that isn't quite right. Please find more information on our website. [Uniform Information | Oldswinford CofE Primary School](#)

SCOOTERS/BIKES

Please remember that scooters and bikes shouldn't be used on school premises. We have had a couple of times when people have nearly got hurt. We ask that you carry them or leave on the rack by the main school entrance. We also ask that there are no ball games and any equipment such as the trim trail and monkey bars are not used. Thank you.

TIMINGS:

The school gates open at 8.45 and the doors into school are open from 8.50-8.55. If you arrive in school after this time you will need to go via the office and may get a late mark. The gates then close at 9.00.

At the end of the day, the school gates open at 3.15. Children in Reception classes finish at 3.20 and the rest of the school finishes at 3.25 - we aim to close the gates about 10 minutes after this.

(This week our new reception children are just coming for half days so please follow the timings in the letters you have been sent)

ATTENDANCE:

We will be monitoring attendance in the same way as last year. Half term reports will be sent to you via email - these are just for your information. If we have concerns about your child's attendance we will contact you via email and may ask for a meeting. We know children will be ill over the course of the year and we know that there can be exceptional circumstances. We are always understanding towards these and adjust our monitoring accordingly. Please get in touch if you have any attendance queries once the first reports have come home after half term.

WATER BOTTLES:

Can remind you that water bottles should try and have a sports cap or something similar to help prevent spillages in school. It can be really upsetting if a bottle gets knocked over and water spills everywhere.

SNACKS (at breaktime)

In KS1 and KS2 there is a fruit trolley available for the children to get a snack from. If children would like to bring a snack from home instead it needs to be a healthy snack: fruit, vegetables, bread sticks and nothing with added sugar.

In Reception they have snack time all together - please see staff if you would like more information about this.

COMMUNICATION

Please remember that any messages on DOJO may not be seen immediately and staff have 2 school days to respond. Any urgent messages must go via the office. We are currently reviewing how we use dojo in school - if you have any feedback, please let me know via this form: [DOJO FEEDBACK – Fill in form](#)

BIRTHDAYS

Children can wear their own clothes on their birthday or if their birthday is on a weekend/holiday then they can wear their own clothes on the nearest school day.

Thank you so much for all of your support with these things and helping everything to run as smoothly as possible. If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch.

Charity Event



[Daniel Knight is fundraising for Motor Neurone Disease Association](#)

One of our parents will be attempting to complete IRONMAN Wales to raise money for the MNDA, a cause incredibly close to his heart. In December 2023, his dad was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease—a condition that, currently, has no cure.

The MNDA focuses on improving access to care, research and campaigning for those living with or affected by MND.

He will be swimming further than he has swam before (2.4 miles), biking further than he has biked before (112 miles) and finishing the day with a marathon (26.2 miles). He shared that this will push him to his limit but knowing the challenges faced by those living with MND every day will be his inspiration.

If this cause is close to anyone else's heart the link to his just giving page is at the top. Any donations would be very gratefully received.

Collective Worship



This week we began by looking at a PowerPoint of photos which celebrated everything we did last year. We thought about the things we enjoyed, what we were looking forward to and if we had any worries. We then recapped the question 'What is Worship' and looked at our worship charter to remind us of the expectations in worship.

In worship we will be...

READY to connect with God and each other as we gather together as our Oldswinford family.

RESPECTFUL and quiet when we arrive and leave. We will listen and follow instructions.

SAFE and make sure we are being kind to those around us.